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DAR ES SALAAM AND KINSHASA PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ITINERARY: SCENARIO FOR CRETE STOPOVER

REFS: SECTO 27226 AND SECTO 27244

1. THE SCENARIO FOR THE SECRETARY'S STOPOVER AT CRETE WILL BE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT OF HIS STOPOVER ON MAY 6, 1976. THE AIRCRAFT WILL LAND AT THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE (HAF) AIR BASE AT SOUDA BAY, A TACTICAL OPERATIONAL AIR BASE. THE AIRCRAFT WILL TAXI ONTO THE PARKING RAMP AND PARK ABOUT 75 METERS IN FRONT OF THE SMALL BUILDING USED BY THE HAF AS A VIP WAITING ROOM (THE SAME BUILDING WHICH WAS USED DURING THE MAY 6 VISIT). THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY WILL DESCEND AND ENTER THE BUILDING, THE SECRETARY PROCEEDING TO THE PRIVATE MEETING ROOM (ALSO USED LAST TIME) AND THE REMAINDER OF THE PARTY TO THE ADJOINING WAITING ROOM. NO LOCAL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXPECTED ON THE BASE.

2. THE SECRETARY WILL BE GREETED UPON HIS ARRIVAL BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KUBISCH AND MEMBERS OF THE MISSION, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS JOHN TZOUNIS AND OTHER GREEK OFFICIALS (THE FULL LIST OF AMERICAN
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AND GREEKS IS GIVEN BELOW). (AS THE SECRETARY IS AWARE

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--ATHENS 9954 NOTAL -- FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS WILL
BE UNABLE TO GO TO CRETE BECAUSE OF LAST MINUTE PRE-
PARATIONS BEFORE HE DEPARTS FRIDAY FOR NEW YORK. HE
HAS DESIGNATED TZOUNIS TO REPRESENT HIM AND TO BE
AVAILABLE FOR A DISCUSSION, IF THE SECRETARY WISHES.)

3. AMBASSADOR KUBISCH AND AMBASSADOR TZOUNIS WILL
ESCORT THE SECRETARY DIRECTLY TO THE MEETING
ROOM. (THE NOTETAKER WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY THEM.) THE
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE
WAITING ROOM. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

4. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WILL ACCOMPANY
THE AMBASSADOR TO SOUDA:

-- MG WILLIAM BURKE, CHIEF OF JUSMAGG:

-- HAWTHORNE MILLS, DCM-DESIGNATE:

-- GEORGE M. BARBIS, POLITICAL CONSELOR (WHO WILL SERVE
AS NOTETAKER IF A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY DOES
NOT DO SO);

-- WILLIAM HARATUNIAN, COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS;

-- PHILIP COHAN, INFORMATION OFFICER:

-- COLONEL DARR GOSS, AIR ATTACHE;

-- LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN HALACHI, ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE: AND

-- LOUIS KACHULIS, SECURITY OFFICER.

5. IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR TZOUNIS, MG
POLITIS, COMMANDER OF THE NATO MISSILE FIRING
INSTALLATION (NAMFI), THE SENIOR GREEK MILITARY
OFFICER ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO GREET THE
SECRETARY AS WILL COLONEL PAPADAKIS, THE SOUDA AIR BASE COMMANDER.

6. PRESS GUIDANCE -- AMBASSADOR TZOUNIS HAS
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INDICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE GOG DOES NOT
PLAN TO ISSUE ANY STATEMENT OR COMMENT REGARDING THE
SECRETARY'S STOPOVER AT CRETE AND IN FACT IS TRYING FOR THE
PRESENT TO KEEP THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE STOPOVER VERY CLOSE.
(TZOUNIS SAID THAT ONLY THE NECESSARY SENIOR HELLENIC
AIR FORCE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED IN ORDER THAT
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR THE
STOPOVER AND THE REFUELING OF THE AIRCRAFT.) HOWEVER,

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WE ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO GET SOME INQUIRIES ABOUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF A STOPOVER AT CRETE BY THE SECRETARY
ON HIS WAY FROM AFRICA TO LONDON. BOTH REUTERS AND
UPI HAVE ASKED USIS, UPI WITH FAIRLY PRECISE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE STOPOVER BASED ON A QUERY ORIGINATING FROM
UPI BURSSELS.

7. WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO DEFLECT INQUIRIES ABOUT THE
STOPOVER BUT REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO CONFIRM AT SOME POINT THAT
THE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT WILL BE STOPPING BRIEFLY AT SOUDA
TO REFUEL, WITHOUT GIVING ANY SPECIFIC ETA. WE SUGGEST
THE FOLLOWING BE AUTHORIZED ON A BACKGROUND BASIS IN
REPLY TO QUESTIONS: "WE CAN CONFIRM THAT SECRETARY
OF STATE KISSINGER WILL MAKE A BRIEF STOPOVER AT THE
HELLENIC AIR FORCE BASE AT SOUDA BAY, CRETE, ENROUTE
FROM NAIROBI, KENYA, TO LONDON. THE STOPOVER WILL
BE FOR THE REFUELING OF HIS AIRCRAFT FOLLOWING WHICH IT
WILL DEPART IMMEDIATELY FOR LONDON."

8. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST THE NUMBER OF MEDIA
REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SECRETARY'S PARTY AND ANY
SPECIAL NEEDS THEY MAY HAVE DURING THE STOPOVER
ASIDE FROM PHONE LINES TO ATHENS, LONDON OR THE
U.S. THE POST IS PREPARED TO COLLECT COPY FOR
IMMEDIATE TELEX DISPATCH VIA LOCAL FACILITIES,
IF DESIRED. WE PRESUME THAT ANY FILM ABOARD WILL BE
CARRIED ON TO LONDON FOR FORWARDING TO NEW YORK FROM
THERE.
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